



Docket No. 2861

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Keith L. Milliman, et al

Serial No.: 10/528,975 Group Art Unit: 3721

Filed: March 23, 2005 Examiner: Nash, Brian D.

For: **SURGICAL STAPLING DEVICE**

Commissioner For Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Covered by Previous Payments	Extra	Rate Fee	Additional
Total Claims*	20	-	20	0 = x \$ 9.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	2	0 = x \$42.00	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)	(If claims added by amendment include Multiple Dependent Claim(s) and there was no Multiple Dependent Claim(s) in application before amendment add \$270.00 to additional fee.)			\$ 0.00	
			Total:		\$ 0.00

\* Includes all independent and single dependent claims and all claims referred to in multiple dependent claims. See 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c).

Charge the fee of \$0.00 to Deposit Account No. **21-0550**.  
**TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ATTACHED.**

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **21-0550**. **TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ATTACHED.**
- Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) an Amendment and Petition to Delete Inventor(s) is enclosed.

Petition for Extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a):  
[please check one]

1.  Is enclosed herewith.
2.  Is not believed to be required. However, if a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is required with this Amendment, please treat this paper as a petition for such extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized charge the required extension fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17, to Deposit Account No. **21-0550**.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 2/8/07

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**A M E N D M E N T**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: